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Welcome to issue 6 of Research Trends. This issue focuses on various aspects of the journal, one of the principal means of scholarly communication. We examine the establishment of English as the language of science after the Second World War and how the Netherlands has become a center of English-language journal publishing. At the same time, we ask scholars who have frequently cited a non-English paper why they did so.

We also look at journal analysis. Thorough journal analysis, carried out over time, can provide useful information about the performance and position of a journal relative to other journals in the same field. There is a danger, however, that the metrics produced can be used incorrectly. Professor David Colquhoun addresses the pitfalls of metrics misuse.

We welcome your feedback to any of the topics covered.

Kind regards,
The Research Trends Editorial Board

Did you know?

Methodological advances attract top cites

Articles describing advances or updates in experimental methodology have long been thought to attract higher numbers of citations than other research contributions, but recent research has failed to confirm this [1].

Nevertheless, the 10 most cited journal articles in molecular life sciences solely comprised papers reporting some of the most important methodological advances of the last 40 years. Articles in journals in the fields 'Biochemistry, Genetics and Molecular Biology', 'Immunology and Microbiology' and 'Multidisciplinary' were sorted by citations received to date (see Table 1 – page 8).

Reference: